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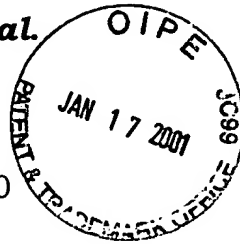
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A Page 1, line 5, after "Managing" insert --Dependencies in a--;
line 7, delete "services" and insert --Service
Functionality--.
